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Letter dated 18 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to inform the members of the Security Council that the activities undertaken to fulfil the mandate outlined in paragraph 14 of resolution 1284 (1999) and requested in a letter dated 26 March 2008 from the President of the Council to the Secretary-General (S/2008/206) have led to expenditures amounting to $307,692.30 from 1 January to 31 December 2011. The funds were provided through transfers from the Escrow Account created pursuant to Council resolution 1958 (2010).

I have taken note of the statement made to the press by the Council on Iraq-Kuwait (SC/10490), in which the Council noted the agreement of its members to finance the continuation of the activities of the High-Level Coordinator for a period of six months.

Given that all parties should translate political statements of goodwill into concrete actions to enable progress during the coming months to resolve outstanding issues, the period ahead will require further intensification of the activities of the High-Level Coordinator. To that end, it would be necessary to allocate resources sufficient to finance the activities of the High-Level Coordinator and his support staff until 30 June 2012 in the amount of $245,300. It is suggested that these funds be earmarked from the fund balance of the Escrow Account created pursuant to Council resolution 1958 (2010).

Should the Council agree with this proposal, the funds will be transferred within the Escrow Account and made available to the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, which backstops the activities of the High-Level Coordinator.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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